



January 28, 2019

Jeffrey P. Ackermann, Chairman
Colorado Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Support for Delta – Montrose Electric Association exit from Tri State

Dear Chairman Ackermann:

This letter is to demonstrate the City of Durango's support of the filing by the Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DEMA) to request a reasonable charge for DEMA's exit from Tri-State.

As the Commission heard from the Colorado State Legislature in their letter dated January 14, 2019. "Public utilities, like Tri-State, cannot demand unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory charges. If they do, Then the Commission may prescribe just and reasonable ones. DMEA's complaint says that Tri-State refuses to give a just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory exit charge, depriving rural Coloradans of access to less expensive and more diverse local generation that can serve as a catalyst for economic development on the Western Slope."

Durango is a rural community that is passionate about economic development. The City feels strongly that all citizens of Colorado should have access to less expensive power from local and diverse sources, as result, we the urge the Commission to exercise its authority to set a fair charge to both DEMA and Tri-State's remaining members.

Sincerely,

Sweetie Marbury
Mayor, Durango City Council

cc: City Council
Ron LeBlanc, City Manager
Amber Blake, Assistant City Manger